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TO: Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: NADAS, Lajos

1. Reference is made to the name check request, file No. Ali 214 930, dated 12 February 1962, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office. The files contain voluminous information concerning the subject of your request. The following represents a summary of Subject's activities since he surrendered to the United States Forces at Voecklabruck, Austria, in May 1945.

2. A report dated 8 August 1950 from a usually reliable source indicated that Subject directed the Strategical (sic) Section of the League of Hungarian Veterans (MHBK). This section handled war preparations, operational plans, and possible use of able-bodied Hungarian emigres in a Hungarian Legion or Army to be organized if needed. According to Source, Subject had been in charge of the intelligence section of the MHBK. He had been an Arrow Cross (Hungarian Nazi Party) member and he was strongly pro-German. Subject's political beliefs allegedly differed with those of General ZAKO who was president of the MHBK.

3. A Department of the Army report dated 27 May 1952, indicated that Subject, prior to and during World War II, had served as a General Staff officer in the "material" and "operational" branches of the Hungarian Army and therefore claimed that he had no direct contact with German intelligence officers or personnel. From 1943 to 1945, as chief of the Hungarian Army General Staff Operations and Planning office, Subject stated that he had some operational contact with the work of the Hungarian Army Intelligence Section. (Reference: Department of the Army, Counter Intelligence Corps, Reference No. S-13344 dated 27 May 1952, from 430th CIC Sub-Det "A" (Salzburg), subject: NADAS, Lajos - Former MHBK Organizer and Functionary).

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4. According to a Department of the Army report dated 17 December 1952, Subject had been a Hungarian Army staff colonel who helped to organize the MHBK and who had served with General ZAKO and the MHBK until early 1952. At that time he severed relations with ZAKO and moved to Salzburg, Austria, where he was employed by the United States Forces in Austria (Engineers). (Reference: Department of the Army, Counter Intelligence Corps, File No. S-15943 dated 17 December 1952, from 430th CIC Sub-Det "A" (Salzburg), subject: Hungarian Refugee Political Activities).

5. The MHBK was active in politics and intelligence. Political activity centered on the "registration" of Hungarian emigres in all parts of the world as members of the MHBK. The membership is thus alleged by the governing committee of the MHBK to represent an organized group of trained men, ready to engage in any sort of anti-Communist activity. Dues are assessed by the MHBK against its members, the resulting fund being used to support "accredited representatives" in various cities of the world, including, for example, Vatican City. These representatives attempt to persuade governments, political parties, and groups of private citizens to contribute further funds and political support for the basic MHBK organization. General ZAKO and his supporters have consistently attempted, under various guises, to enlist financial and potential support from numerous government agencies, both in the United States and abroad.

6. Shortly after the end of World War II, members of the MHBK enjoyed relatively good contacts in Hungary, which were exploited as intelligence assets. Information received through these channels was made available to various Western European governments. The MHBK has been since its inception an object of interest to the Communist Hungarian Intelligence Service and a target for penetration and disruption. There are no reports available, however, that reflect that Subject is anything but basically anti-Communist in political motivation and activity.

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